GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5001
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2000
PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL PROFESSIONS
VISHNU DATT

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to promote various traditional professions such as feeding of Silkworm, Money bees, Fulkari, Sheep Husbandary, Wool Industry, Weaving of Pasmina Shawls, Blankets, Carpets, Fishery, Pottery, Bamboo Nitting and other rural and economic professions in Jammu and Kashmir State and also make these professions commercially viable;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter;

(c) whether the Union Government have any plan to implement long-term programme in collaboration with the State Governments for such traditional professions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5001 ANSER ON 20.12.2000
The Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) under which the financial assistance is provided by the KVIC to set up Khad or industrial units in rural areas is being implemented throughout the country including Jammu & Kashmir. Almost all the industries except fishery, animal husbandry etc., are covered under the scheme. Under the Scheme, 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs is provided as margin money and above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, the rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% of the balance cost of the project. For weaker sections and hilly areas margin money is given at the rate of 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the balance amount (upto Rs. 25 lakhs) it is 10%. Moreover, the benefits under this scheme are admissible to all the village industries except those which are mentioned in a small negative list.
An amount of Rs. 3.30 cores has been allocated to J&K State KVI Board as margin money (under the REGP) by the KVIC and fu amount has been released to them as on 31.3.1999. The Board has utilized the entire amount released to them. The KVIC has also sanctioned an amount of Rs. 3.00 cores to the Board under REGP grant for the year 2000-2001 to implement the Margin Money Scheme through Cooperative Banks, State Finance Corporation, Private Banks etc.